

HISTORY

BEFORE THE MAYFLOWER

Lerone Bennett

Although blacks have "roots in the American soil that are deeper than those of the Puritans," for 350 years they have been strangers in their own land.

GREAT CIVILIZATIONS OF ANCIENT AFRICA

Lester Brooks

Ancient Africa, with its magnificent Mali Empire and wealthy Ghana, emerges as a "land of paradoxes, of grandeur, of staggering accomplishments."

THE ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF BLACK AMERICANS

John Hope Franklin

From the Emancipation Proclamation and Reconstruction to the civil rights movement and Watts, the black man's struggle in America has overcome setbacks and disillusion and moved toward the dream of freedom and equality.

THE NEGRO PILGRIMAGE IN AMERICA

C. Eric Lincoln

A distinguished black historian recounts the story of his people from the African slave trade to the modern fight for civil rights.

A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF BLACK AMERICANS

Langston Hughes, ed.

"Black people consider themselves American, not because national status was conferred upon them gratuitously, but because . . . their blood and sweat and tears are forever mingled with those of others whose struggles and triumphs made this country great."

THE SHAPING OF BLACK AMERICA

Lerone Bennett

In the unpromising setting of Slave Row, the beginnings of all American Harlems, "the slave . . . remade himself as he remade America."

THE SOULS OF BLACK FOLK

William E. B. DuBois

"Herein lie buried many things which in expressing the soul of one people in a time of great stress . . . show its kinship with the timeless soul of all mankind."

STEAL AWAY; STORIES OF RUNAWAY SLAVES

Abraham Chapman, comp.

From African slaveship to American slavery, freedom for the black man was a dying memory, but a memory worth dying for.

TO BE A SLAVE

Julius Lester, comp.

What did it feel like "to live as a piece of property that could be sold?"

STORIES AS REAL AS REAL

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MISS JANE PITTMAN

Ernest J. Gaines

Born a slave before the Civil War, Jane lived through a century of upheaval as black people fought for the chance to breathe free.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Arnold Adoff, comp.

Young brothers and sisters "make it and fake it and walk tall in all the places young Black people call home and country and world."

FAST SAM, COOL CLYDE AND STUFF

Walter Myers

After that eventful year when Cool Clyde and Fast Sam almost won the dance contest, when Stuff fell in love, and modern science got them all in jail, nothing was ever the same again.

THE FOURTEENTH CADILLAC

Jesse Jackson

Stonewall is in trouble. A seventeen-year-old high school drop-out, he cannot find a job, his girl turns him down, and even his attempt to leave home does not succeed.

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

James Baldwin

Five members of a Harlem fundamentalist church struggle with their love, their fear, and their anger toward God and each other.

HARRIET TUBMAN; CONDUCTOR ON THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Ann L. Petry

She led more than 300 blacks to freedom on the Underground Railroad and became known as the Moses of her people during the Civil War.

A HERO AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT A SANDWICH

Alice Childress

Benje Johnson is a thirteen-year-old junkie. He knows it, his mother knows it, and the school officials know it. But in the ghetto, who really cares?

HIS OWN WHERE

June Jordan

Seeking refuge from the problems of their crowded lives, Buddy and Angela find peace and love in a most unlikely place.

HOG BUTCHER

Ronald L. Fair

Witness to the brutal killing of his favorite basketball player, Wilford defies the police and dares to tell the truth.

THE SURVIVORS

Kristin Hunter

B.J., a too wise thirteen-year-old kid, and Miss Lane, a super-straight, middle-aged dressmaker, form an unlikely alliance in their daily struggle to survive the urban ghetto.

TEACUP FULL OF ROSES

Sharon B. Mathis

Joe must choose between his brothers: one an artist whose talents are wasted by drugs and another who is straight, beautiful, and bright.

WHAT WE MUST SEE: YOUNG BLACK STORYTELLERS; AN ANTHOLOGY

Orde Coombs, comp.

Sixteen black writers "offer not merely hope or passion or despair or beauty. They offer us ourselves and they bid us be."

SPORTS

"AARON, R. F."

Henry Aaron

"The story of my life, the good times and the bad, from Mobile to Milwaukee to Atlanta."

ARTHUR ASHE, PORTRAIT IN MOTION

Arthur Ashe

A tennis superstar recalls his year-long, global quest for victory at Wimbledon.

THE GREATEST: MY OWN STORY

Muhammad Ali

Whether he is psyching out his opponent with poetic predictions, conducting a verbal sparring match with Howard Cosell, or posing with other well known personalities, Ali has become the ultimate sports personality.

I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE SOMEBODY

Althea Gibson

A champion tells how tennis made a somebody out of a tomboy and school drop-out from Harlem.

I NEVER HAD IT MADE

Jackie Robinson

Behind the accomplishments, behind the distinction of becoming the first black man to break the racial barrier in professional sports lies a man whose whole life has been one of struggle and triumph.

O. J.: THE EDUCATION OF A RICH ROOKIE

O. J. Simpson

"I am twenty-two-years-old, black, and lucky enough to be very talented at running with a football." A Heisman Trophy winner and an All-American, O. J. had a lot to learn as he began his professional career.

PIONEERS OF BLACK SPORTS Ocania Chalk

Hard-hitting Josh Gibson, sweet dribbling Nathaniel "Sweetwater" Clifton, hard-punching Joe Gans—these are a few of the little-known black athletes who paved the way for the Jackie Robinsons and Jim Browns.

REGGIE Reggie Jackson

One of the most exciting players in baseball today, Reggie Jackson, now with the Baltimore Orioles, tells of his years with the Oakland A's and of his relationship with managers, players, and fans.

ROCKIN' STEADY Walt Frazier

To be the best you must be the coolest. Here one of basketball's coolest recalls his past games and other superstars he's played against, and explains basketball techniques.

SUGAR RAY Sugar Ray Robinson

In his twenty-five-year career Sugar Ray became known "pound for pound" as the greatest fighter of all time.

VIDA: HIS OWN STORY Vida Blue

A player who has re-written the record book tells how a small-town kid from Louisiana made it to the big league, won the Cy Young Award, and the American League's MVP Award among many other honors.

WILT Wilt Chamberlain

Seven feet tall and holder of just about every basketball record, Wilt talks about the zany basketball world as well as his personal life.

THE ARTS

BLACK BOY Richard Wright

This eminent author grew up in poverty, fear, and hatred, but his individualism could not be broken by the degradation of being a black child in a white society.

BLACK TROUBADOUR: LANGSTON HUGHES Charlemae H. Rollins

In poems and plays, in stories and songs, in humor and history, he wrote about the plight of his people in an America where "white is right."

A CHOICE OF WEAPONS Gordon Parks

He overcame poverty and prejudice to become one of today's most successful photographers.

MUSIC IS MY MISTRESS Duke Ellington

His creativity was a major force in the development of jazz.

MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING Marian Anderson

Refused admittance to a Philadelphia music school, teen-aged Marian studied and sang on her own. Denied permission to sing in Constitution Hall, she gave her concert at the Lincoln Memorial.

PALAUVER; MODERN AFRICAN WRITINGS

Wilfred Cartey, ed.

Drawing on the rich oral traditions of their peoples, modern writers recall the wisdom of ancient legends, celebrate the African affinity with nature, and demand an end to the wrongs of colonization and *apartheid*.

PAUL ROBESON: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A FREE
BLACK MAN

Virginia Hamilton

Athlete, scholar, singer, actor, statesman, Paul Robeson was a man of many talents and, under political harassment, he proved to be a man of great integrity.

A POETIC EQUATION: CONVERSATIONS
BETWEEN NIKKI GIOVANNI AND
MARGARET WALKER

Nikki Giovanni & Margaret Walker

Two noted black poets from different backgrounds and different eras engage in a lively discussion about the racial struggle and the future of blacks in America.

SEVENTEEN BLACK ARTISTS

Elton C. Fax

Painters, sculptors, and photographers, these seventeen men and women bring to their art a ". . . profound cognizance of the black experience."

TO BE YOUNG, GIFTED AND BLACK

Lorraine Hansberry

"If blackness brought pain, it was also a source of strength, renewal, and inspiration, a window on the potentials of the human race."

BLACK PROFILES

ANGELA DAVIS—AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Angela Y. Davis

A scholar and political activist, she believes her personal life is secondary to "a sense of belonging to a community of humans—a community of struggle against poverty and racism."

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MALCOLM X

Malcolm Little

In thirty-nine years Malcolm Little from Lansing, Michigan became "Detroit Red" of Roxbury and Harlem and, after an extraordinary prison term, the dynamic leader of the Black Muslims.

COMING OF AGE IN MISSISSIPPI Anne Moody

Living in two-room shacks in Mississippi and forced into menial jobs for little pay, Anne Moody learned at an early age what it meant to be black.

FREE AT LAST; THE LIFE OF
FREDERICK DOUGLASS Arna W. Bontemps

Born a slave, Douglass was a leader in the abolitionist movement and was instrumental in breaking down the barriers between blacks and whites.

GARVEY: THE STORY OF A PIONEER BLACK
NATIONALIST Elton C. Fax

A generation ahead of his time Garvey instilled in his people "a sense of pride in being black."

HERE I AM, TAKE MY HAND Marie Brookter

Her career as political activist and social reformer began on a spring evening in Louisiana when she met, face to face, the senseless violence of racism.

HIS DAY IS MARCHING ON; A MEMOIR OF
W. E. B. DuBOIS Shirley G. DuBois

From Pan-Africanism to the NAACP to the Communist Party, DuBois' fight against racial discrimination took many forms yet was always marked by his impatient unrelenting manner.

MARY McLEOD BETHUNE Rackham Holt

A founder of Bethune-Cookman College and a spokesman for her people, Mrs. Bethune devoted her life to helping young blacks.

MR. BLACK LABOR: THE STORY OF
A. PHILIP RANDOLPH Daniel S. Davis

Decades before protest marches were fashionable or safe, A. Philip Randolph organized and led a massive march on the government to demand equal opportunities for his people.

A PIECE OF THE POWER James Haskins

Can black power be achieved via the ballot box? The careers of four black mayors say yes.

UNBOUGHT AND UNBOSSSED Shirley Chisholm

From local, boss-run clubs, Shirley Chisholm fought her way up the political ladder to become "the first person in 192 years to be at once a congressman, black, and a woman."

UP FROM SLAVERY Booker T. Washington

Born into slavery, Booker T. Washington had a vision of freedom based on a sound foundation of education and economic security.

WHAT MANNER OF MAN; A BIOGRAPHY OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Lerone Bennett

"It was King's achievement to give men hope—that
and the second indispensable element of a revolt, a new
idea."

YOUNG AND BLACK IN AFRICA A. Okion Ojigbo

"Through dramatic episodes from their own lives,
eight Africans convey the warmth, the pride, the
humor—and sometimes the heartbreak—of growing up
in Africa.

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